

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration of the application in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants herein cancel claims 1 and 25, which were previously withdrawn. Claims 3, 7, 14, 19-22, and 24 are amended to remove dependency from Claim 1. Claims 4 and 5 are amended for clarity and are supported by the specification at least at page 6, lines 16-29. Claim 11 is amended to correct a typographical error. Claim 26 is amended to depend from claim 2, and is supported by the specification. Claim 26 already included all the features of claim 2, and changing the dependency does not add new matter or raise new issues for consideration.

Applicants thank the Examiner for consideration and acknowledgement of all references cited by Applicants.

A provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection over Claims 1-11 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/020,747 has been made. The referenced application has not matured into a patent. All claims remaining in this application have been indicated as having allowable subject matter. As the provisional rejection is the only remaining rejection, withdrawal of the provisional rejection and allowance of this application are in order and respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner require anything further, or have any questions, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

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